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25X1 1. In private conversation with a leading functionary of the East CDU, Soviet Ambassador Pushkin and Walter Ulbricht have lately emphasized the possibility of war in May of this year. Both Pushkin and Ulbricht base their supposition on increased armament production in the United States. This alleged threat of war has been their reason for measures taken against functionaries of the middle-class parties in the Soviet Zone. Only those members of middle-class parties who unconditionally support the Soviets will be tolerated. Any support for the idea of a neutral Germany is branded as treason against the Soviet Union.

25X1 2. [redacted] the Polit Bureau of the SED has decided to set up a dictatorship of the proletariat in the Soviet Zone. In this case, too, the reason for succeeding no political "developments" is the alleged threat of war. By way of preparation for the crisis, a new liquidation is to take place within the SED. It will be mainly directed against moderates who were formerly members of the SPD.

25X1 [redacted] Comments: It is perhaps unnecessary to point out that the CDU is often used for planting rumors and detection material.

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